

What is claimed is:

1. A device for lifting a wire rack having a plurality of parallel spaced cross wires, the device comprising:
 - 5 a handle;
 - a flexible stabilizing member connected to the handle and having ends formed to engage the top surface of the wire rack; and
 - a hook member connected to the stabilizing member and formed
 - 10 to receive at least one of the cross wires of the wire rack when the stabilizing member is in a compressed position.
2. The device of claim 1 wherein a brush assembly is
 - 15 connected to the stabilizing member.
3. The device of claim 1 wherein a cooking utensil is connected to one of the ends of the stabilizing member.
- 20 4. The device of claim 3 wherein the cooking utensil is frictionally connected to the one end of the stabilizing member.
5. The device of claim 1 wherein the stabilizing member
 - 25 has an arcuate shape.
6. The device of claim 1 wherein the hook member has a groove to receive at least one of the cross wires.
- 30 7. The device of claim 6 wherein the hook member has a plurality of grooves.

8. A method for lifting a wire rack comprising the steps of:

providing a lifting tool having a handle connected to a flexible stabilizing member with a hook member
5 extending downwardly from the stabilizing member;
placing the tool on a wire rack such that the stabilizing member engages the top surface of the wire rack;
applying sufficient force to flex the stabilizing member such that the hook member receives and retains the wire
10 rack.

9. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of rotating the tool after sufficient force is applied such that the hook member receives and retains the wire rack.